## **INFORMATION PAPER**

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SUBJECT: FAO In-Country Training Program – Slovak Republic

1. PURPOSE: To provide a summary of the FAO In-Country Training program and facilities in the Slovak Republic to assist in selection and arrival of replacement personnel. Projected in-country trainees should use the information provided to contact incumbent FAO trainees and/or FAO supervisor as early as possible for more detailed information.

## 2. FACTS:

- a. Summary of Program:
  - (1) Tour Length: 12 months
- (2) Normal Arrival/Departure Dates: Early January to December of the same year.
- (3) Program Description: Normally, one FAO conducts ICT per year. Generally, the ICT program consists of: (a) attendance for 5 months of the one year Combined Arms Staff Officer Course at the Slovak Military Academy, (b) orientation tours with Slovak military units, with the possibility to "affiliate" with a unit of the officer's branch, (c) participation in regional and international academic seminars, (d) nationwide and regional travel.
- (4) Prerequisites: CPT/MAJ; Slovak 2+/2+/2+; branch immaterial; no gender restrictions.
  - b. Property:
    - (1) Government: None.
- (2) Personal: Recommend ship POV through Bremerhaven or buy on local economy. Recommend not ship U.S. models under warranty.
- c. Housing: Local economy in Liptovsky Mikulas (290 km from the Slovak capital of Bratislava). FAO receives OHA.

## d. Support Facilities:

- (1) Medical Nearest U.S. doctor is Vienna Embassy 5 hours from ICT site. Local Slovak doctors can also be used (CHAMPUS supported).
- (2) Dependent Schooling Home schooling through DODDs Europe is the only option in the English language, grades 1-12.
- (3) PX/Commissary Nearest military PX/Commissary is Nürnberg, Germany.
  - e. Language Instruction Availability Local tutors are available.
  - f. Incumbent FAO/Departure Date:

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- g. <u>Rater/Senior Rater</u>: DATT/ARMA: LTC Markowicz-rater, FAO Proponent Division Chief: COL Volk-senior rater.
- h. Address:
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  - (2) Message USDAO BRATISLAVA LO
- i. Phone#: 011-4217-5922-3480 for DAO office 011-421-849-5520636 incumbent FAO home phone
- 3. Additional Information: Bring materials from OAC/CAS3/CGSC. Pack 1-2 sets of BDU in accompanied baggage, as well as Class A, Class B (uniform for attendance at military academy), and Blues. FAOs with infants should pre-mail packages of formula/diapers, etc.

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